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1. In September 1952, the Büro für Wirtschaftsfragen placed an order with Carl Zeiss, Jena, for 160 gun sights (Peilaufsätze) which are to be used by the Volkspolizei-See. Production has already begun. The sights are instruments with several prisms in which the target and the water level (Libelle) of the gun are lined up.
2. Prior to and during the war, Zeiss produced these sights for the German Navy (Marineartillerie) which used them for coastal artillery and for range finders. This is the first instance of their production since the war.
3. Reports that periscopes are being produced at Zeiss Jena are erroneous. No department in the works capable of making such instruments is currently engaged in periscope production. The Special Production Division (Sonderfertigung) (SOM) and such personnel as had worked in the Zeiss MIL (military) department prior to and during the war are also not working on such a project.
4. It is believed, therefore, that no periscopes are being produced in East Germany. Zeiss Jena is the only factory in East Germany capable of making the optical systems for periscopes.

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